

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jackson (Registration 46,495) on 12/09/2009.

3. Amend the following claims:

(I) In claim 5:

(i) line 4, change "a second" to -- a second, previously installed, -- ;

(II) In claim 8:

(i) line 3, change "a second" to -- a second, previously installed, -- .

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 1, 5, 8, the prior art do not teach on render obvious the limitations recited in claims 1, 5, 8, when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, wherein the software routine of the first self contained data handling application controls a data modification operation by the second self-contained data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first self-contained data handling application, the method comprising: detecting the presence of the second data handling application; and b) writing source code to cause the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application to cause the software routine of the first self-contained data handling application to be executed, wherein the first self-contained data handling, application and the second, previously installed as recited in the independent claims 1, 5, 8. Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings by one of ordinary skill level in the art was not uncovered so as to result in the invention as recited in claims 1, 5, 8.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sough Hyung can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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